

§ 537.319 U.S. depository institution.

The term *U.S. depository institution* means any entity (including its foreign branches) organized under the laws of the United States or of any jurisdiction within the United States, or any agency, office or branch located in the United States of a foreign entity, that is engaged primarily in the business of banking (for example, banks, savings banks, savings associations, credit unions, trust companies and United States bank holding companies) and is subject to regulation by federal or state banking authorities.

§ 537.320 U.S. financial institution.

The term *U.S. financial institution* means any U.S. entity (including foreign branches) that is engaged in the business of accepting deposits, making, granting, transferring, holding, or brokering loans or credits, or purchasing or selling foreign exchange, securities, commodity futures or options, or procuring purchasers and sellers thereof, as principal or agent; including, but not limited to, depository institutions, banks, savings banks, trust companies, securities brokers and dealers, commodity futures and options brokers and dealers, forward contract and foreign exchange merchants, securities and commodities exchanges, clearing corporations, investment companies, employee benefit plans, and U.S. holding companies, U.S. affiliates, or U.S. subsidiaries of any of the foregoing. This term includes those branches, offices and agencies of foreign financial institutions that are located in the United States, but not such institutions' foreign branches, offices, or agencies.

§ 537.321 U.S. person.

The term *U.S. person* means any United States citizen, permanent resident alien, entity organized under the laws of the United States or any jurisdiction within the United States (including foreign branches), or any person in the United States.

§ 537.322 U.S. registered broker or dealer in securities.

The term *U.S. registered broker or dealer in securities* means any U.S. citizen, permanent resident alien, or enti-

ty organized under the laws of the United States or of any jurisdiction within the United States, including its foreign branches, or any agency, office or branch of a foreign entity located in the United States, that:

(a) Is a "broker" or "dealer" in securities within the meanings set forth in the Securities Exchange Act of 1934;

(b) Holds or clears customer accounts; and

(c) Is registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

§ 537.323 U.S. registered money transmitter.

The term *U.S. registered money transmitter* means any U.S. citizen, permanent resident alien, or entity organized under the laws of the United States or of any jurisdiction within the United States, including its foreign branches, or any agency, office or branch of a foreign entity located in the United States, that is a money transmitter, as defined in 31 CFR 103.11(uu)(5), and that is registered pursuant to 31 CFR 103.41.

Subpart D—Interpretations**§ 537.401 Reference to amended sections.**

Except as otherwise specified, reference to any provision in or appendix to this part or chapter or to any regulation, ruling, order, instruction, direction, or license issued pursuant to this part refers to the same as currently amended.

§ 537.402 Effect of amendment.

Unless otherwise specifically provided, any amendment, modification, or revocation of any provision in or appendix to this part or chapter or of any order, regulation, ruling, instruction, or license issued by or under the direction of the Director of the Office of Foreign Assets Control does not affect any act done or omitted, or any civil or criminal suit or proceeding commenced or pending prior to such amendment, modification, or revocation. All penalties, forfeitures, and liabilities under any such order, regulation, ruling, instruction, or license continue and may be enforced as if such amendment,

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modification, or revocation had not been made.

§ 537.403 Termination and acquisition of an interest in blocked property.

(a) Whenever a transaction licensed or authorized by or pursuant to this part results in the transfer of property (including any property interest) away from a person, such property shall no longer be deemed to be property blocked pursuant to § 537.201(a), unless there exists in the property another interest that is blocked pursuant to § 537.201(a) or any other part of this chapter, the transfer of which has not been effected pursuant to license or other authorization.

(b) Unless otherwise specifically provided in a license or authorization issued pursuant to this part, if property (including any property interest) is transferred or attempted to be transferred to a person whose property or interests in property are blocked pursuant to § 537.201(a), such property shall be deemed to be property in which that person has an interest and therefore blocked.

§ 537.404 Transactions incidental to a licensed transaction authorized.

(a) Any transaction ordinarily incidental to a licensed transaction and necessary to give effect thereto is also authorized, except:

(1) A transaction, not explicitly authorized within the terms of the license, by or with a person whose property or interests in property are blocked pursuant to § 537.201(a), except as provided in paragraph (b) of this section; or

(2) A transaction, not explicitly authorized within the terms of the license, involving a debit to a blocked account or a transfer of blocked property, except as provided in paragraph (b) of this section.

(b) Transactions licensed pursuant to subpart E of this part and those transactions falling within the scope of paragraph (a) of this section are authorized even though they may involve transfers to or from an account of a financial institution whose property or interests in property are blocked pursuant to § 537.201(a), provided that the

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account is not on the books of a financial institution that is a U.S. person.

§ 537.405 Provision of services.

(a) Except as provided in § 537.210, the prohibitions on transactions involving blocked property contained in § 537.201 apply to services performed in the United States or by U.S. persons, wherever located, including by an overseas branch of an entity located in the United States:

(1) On behalf of or for the benefit of a person whose property or interests in property are blocked pursuant to § 537.201(a); or

(2) With respect to property interests subject to § 537.201.

(b) *Example:* U.S. persons may not, except as authorized by or pursuant to this part, provide legal, accounting, financial, brokering, freight forwarding, transportation, public relations, or other services to a person whose property or interests in property are blocked pursuant to § 537.201(a).

NOTE TO § 537.405: See §§ 537.507 and 537.508 on licensing policy with regard to the provision of certain legal or medical services, respectively.

§ 537.406 Offshore transactions.

The prohibitions in § 537.201 on transactions involving blocked property apply to transactions by any U.S. person in a location outside the United States with respect to property that the U.S. person knows, or has reason to know, is held in the name of a person whose property or interests in property are blocked pursuant to § 537.201(a) or in which the U.S. person knows, or has reason to know, a person whose property or interests in property are blocked pursuant to § 537.201(a) has or has had an interest since the effective date.

§ 537.407 Payments from blocked accounts to satisfy obligations prohibited.

Pursuant to § 537.201, no debits may be made to a blocked account to pay obligations to U.S. persons or other persons, except as authorized by or pursuant to this part.